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CRUSADER COMMENTS

Dear Readers,

Since 1982, when the publishers here at Archie comics decided to revive their adventure characters, I've been privileged to witness something incredible—the resurrection of a universe.

Writers, artists, editors, consultants; fresh faces and seasoned vets have passed through the glass doors of our publishing offices to assist in this paper genesis. Like a pantheon of modern-day gods they have pooled their individual, vast talents into recreating the SHIELD, the FLY, STEEL STERLING, and other sleeping heroes. they have given them new life, peopled their worlds, and shaped their destinies. All to be recorded for the final product, and publicly distributed for your scrutiny.

Not only have our creative forces produced things of delight and wonder, but they have killed and changed their charges unmercifully. They have sometimes stumbled in the realization of their concepts, and feuded among themselves. You've seen some of those problems in the books. After all, our gods are only human.

In the sifting and the sorting, and general shaking-down, we've gone through a lot of changes. The latest, as the more stute among you have already realized, is the loss of Richard Buckler from the "Crusader Comments" letcol page. Not to despair, please. In his universal search for Bigger and Better (wherever they may be), Rich should still find time to embellish our magazines.

So, from the depths of obscurity, Yours Truly has been appointed by The Powers That Be to field your letters. This will be my first official entry into purely action-orientd comics, and truth to tell, I'm rather excited about it. My job will be not only to compile and answer your questions and comments, but to poll and analyze your criticisms and pass them on to the right people. Don't be shy. I really want to know what you've got to say, and if you're too mean—I can be as snide as the next man!

Love,
Lori Walls

Dear Ed,

Reading the adventures of the revived Red Circle characters leaves me with the same impression I had of the movie "Flashdance"—it's all sparks and no fire.

I have read every one of the new titles, and I'm sorry to say there's nothing there.

The covers promise everything but stories are dead, lifeless. I appreciate fine art, and have no complaints in that regard (as long as you keep Ditko and Nino out of it). But I demand good, solid writing and I'm not getting it.

The little filler stories, like the two-or-three page HANGMAN pieces, are a waste of space. They only serve to confuse the character. I pride myself on knowing comic characters, but you guys lost me several Shields ago. You take someone like the FOX and put him in the 1930's in one issue and the 1980's the next, with no explanation. Each story seems to ignore all your previous ones. You must have continuity in your titles. There's too much skipping around under too many writers and artists.

MR. JUSTICE has potential if handled properly. At least you won't have the time problems all your other characters have.

Stop inundating the reader with dozens of heroes and villains at a time. Slow down the pace to a handful of characters, develop them and introduce other characters one at a time. Make each return plausible and pleasurable. Don't just throw ten characters at the wall and see which one sticks.

Just take it easy.
Mike Sangiacomo, Pottstowns, PA

Back in the 30's and 40's, THE FOX, STEEL STERLING, THE HANGMAN and the others, were battling crime on the streets and in the comics. Just because we want those heroes around now, doesn't mean we're going to ignore the fact that they were around then. (continuity, right?)

Yes. We do have a lot of consistency problems which are clearing up, we hope. As our characters and creators settle into their newsstand niches, you should find more regular artists, writers, and plots.

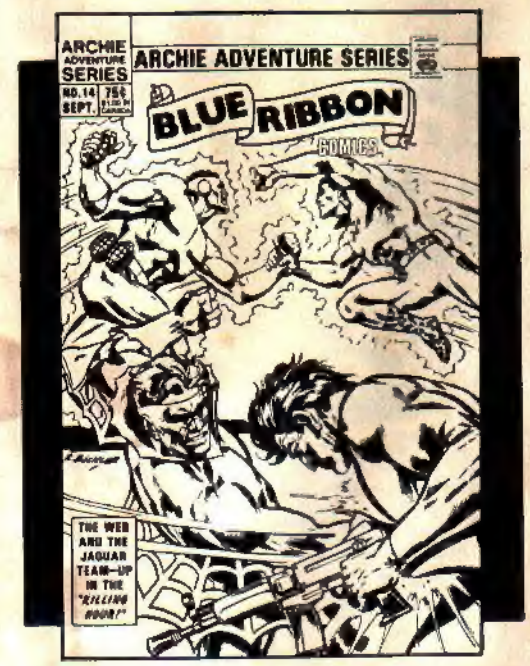
Blue Ribbon #8 is a great issue and I seem to sense a kinship with #'s 6 & 7 that I can only describe as a style that is peculiar to Archie Adv. Series that is hard for me to put into words.

Anyway, Blue Ribbon is a masterpiece and I can see that it was created by people who've mastered the comic book medium and love it in a progressive and traditional manner that is truly distinct.

At first I didn't understand the gorgeous cover, but I couldn't resist it anyway—*far out!*

This is helping me to expand my own vision of the form and love it all the more—*fantastic!*
Terry Wilson, Sun Valley, CA

Far out!—Fantastic!



NEXT ISSUE...

A IS FOR ALIEN
JUST BEHIND EARTH'S MOON HOVERS THE GIANT STARCRAFT OF LU-TA THE PROCURER...
LU-TA - OUR SHIPS ARE RETURNING WITH THEIR CARGO!
GOOD!
NOW THAT WE'VE SAMPLED THE MERCHANDISE, WE'LL SOON MAKE OUR DEMANDS!
FOR NOW THOUGH, I'M CONTENT TO INSPECT THE NEW ARRIVALS!
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B IS FOR BOSTON

FEAR GRIPS THE CITIZENS OF BOSTON AS *ALIEN CRAFT* ARE VIEWED ABOVE THE CITY!

THEY'RE LEAVING! WHAT DO YOU THINK THEY WANT?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT THE GOVERNOR BETTER GET THE AIR FORCE ON THE JOB, FAST!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN... THE AIR FORCE DOESN'T BELIEVE US?!
AIR FORCE RADAR HASN'T PICKED UP ANYTHING UNUSUAL, SO THEY DENY EXISTENCE OF THE SPACE CRAFT!
NEARLY THE WHOLE CITY SAW THE SPACE SHIPS.
IF THE AIR FORCE WON'T ACT, I'LL GET HELP FROM ANOTHER SOURCE!

C IS FOR CRUSADERS
TWO DAYS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THE ALIEN SIGHTING AND BOSTON IS EXPERIENCING A HEAVY RAIN!
GALAXIA
NIKE
UP-DATE YOUR RESERVE LIST TODAY
CREATED & WRITTEN BY: MARTIN L. GREIM
RED CIRCLE
THUNDER BUNNY
BRIAN BUNIAK • ILLUSTRATOR
ARBY AIRZ • LETTERS
B. GROSSMAN • COLORIST

I'LL TAKE THIS BATCH OF COMICS, GLORIA! BY THE WAY... WHERE'D YOU EVER GET THE MAKE-BELIEVE UNICORN HEAD?
PEP
WHAT GIVES YOU THE IDEA IT'S MAKE-BELIEVE?!
005:09
YOU'D BETTER LEAVE YOUR COMICS HERE TIL NEXT WEEK! THE RAIN WILL RUIN THEM!
NO, I'LL WRAP THEM IN MY RAIN COAT SO THEY DON'T GET WET!
YOU'RE HEADING FOR TROUBLE!! THOSE WHO SHOULD BE FRIENDS ARE FOES!
HAVE
TAKE CARE, BOBBY!
SHEESH! SHE'S DOING IT AGAIN! THOSE CRAZY PREDICTIONS OF HERS!
THE SPATOON
HEY, PEOPLE!
THE NEWS JUST BROKE INTO MY MUSIC AND GUESS WHAT...

THE GOVERNOR'S CALLED IN THE MIGHTY CRUSADERS TO CHECK OUT THE ALIEN SIGHTINGS!
WOW!!! THE CRUSADERS!
I WONDER IF THE ORIGINAL SHIELD'S COMING WITH THEM? I'D LOVE TO SEE HIM!
YOU JUST LIKE HIM 'CAUSE THERE'S A FUNNY BOOK ABOUT HIS ADVENTURES!
THAT, MY NARROW MINDED FRIEND IS RIDICULOUS! THE SHIELD IS AMERICA'S GUARDIAN... A GREAT HERO!
YEAH? WELL I WONDER HOW HE'LL DO AGAINST THAT FLYING RABBIT WE'VE SEEN!
THE GOVERNOR THINKS THE RABBIT MIGHT BE ONE OF THE ALIENS!
THE COSMIC SHOP
THAT'S EVEN MORE RIDICULOUS THAN YOUR IDEA OF WHY I LIKE THE SHIELD! I'M GOING HOME AND READ MY "FUNNY BOOKS!"
THAT TIFF WITH GARY... IT'S LIKE GLORIA'S PREDICTION!
HMMM-- DIDN'T SHE SAY FRIENDS?

LATER, THE NEXT DAY...
THIS IS NEWS 4 REPORTING LIVE FROM THE STATE HOUSE! THE MIGHTY CRUSADERS HAVE ARRIVED!
MOMENTS AGO, THIS FAMED TEAM WENT INTO THE STATE HOUSE TO CONFER WITH THE GOVERNOR ABOUT THE SPACE CRAFT SIGHTINGS AND THE DISAPPEARANCE OF A SMALL FISHING VESSEL!
AFTER THE MEETING, A STATEMENT WILL BE MADE BY THE GOVERNOR AND...
KEER-CHEW!
YOU KNOW, BOBBY, YOU'RE A PERSON WHO'S NOT STRAINED BY REALITY!
WHO'D HAVE GUESSED THAT WALKING HOME IN THE POURING RAIN, WITH COMIC BOOKS WRAPPED IN A RAINCOAT INSTEAD OF YOURSELF, WOULD CREATE SUCH A LOVELY HEAD-COLD?!
NOW, BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING ELSE THIS MORNING... TAKE YOUR NOSE DROPS!!
YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU GET A COLD!
AW, UNCLE AL... I HADE DHOSE DOSE DROBS!

I REST MY CASE! NOW COME ON...
OFF TO IT!
AWRIGHD, I'LL TAKE DA-DOSE DROBS!
GOOD BOY! NOW ARE YOU SURE YOU FEEL WELL ENOUGH TO TAKE THESE COMPLETED COMIC STRIPS TO THE POST OFFICE?
OH SURE! ID'S ODLY A HEAD CODE! I FEEL FIDE!
HMMM... ONLY A LITTLE BIT LEFT!
I'LL SAVE IT TILL I REALLY NEED IT! NEVER KNOW WHEN I'LL CATCH TRIPLE PNEUMONIA!
O-DAY, UNCLE AL! I'MB ON MY WAY!
AFTER I MAIL THIS I'LL CHANGE TO THUNDER BUNNY AND GO TELL THE CRUSADERS I'M NOT AN ALIEN!

AFTER MAILING HIS UNCLE'S PACKAGE, BOBBY LOOKS FOR A PLACE TO CHANGE...
GEE, ONCE THE CRUSADERS KNOW I'M A HERO, MAYBE THEY'LL HELP ME FIND THE KEEPER!*
*SEE CHARLTON BULLSEYE #10 "HERO WITH A HEART OF GOLD!"
IF THEY LIKE ME THEY MIGHT MAKE ME A MIGHTY CRUSADER!
MAIL EARLY IN THE DAY
Hmmm.. CRUSADER RABBIT?
WOW! I COULD EVEN WORK WITH THE SHIELD AS...
...THUNDERBUNNY!
FA-
TOOM
TO EFFECT THE CHANGE, BOBBY PICTURES THUNDERBUNNY IN HIS MIND AND CLAPS HIS HANDS!
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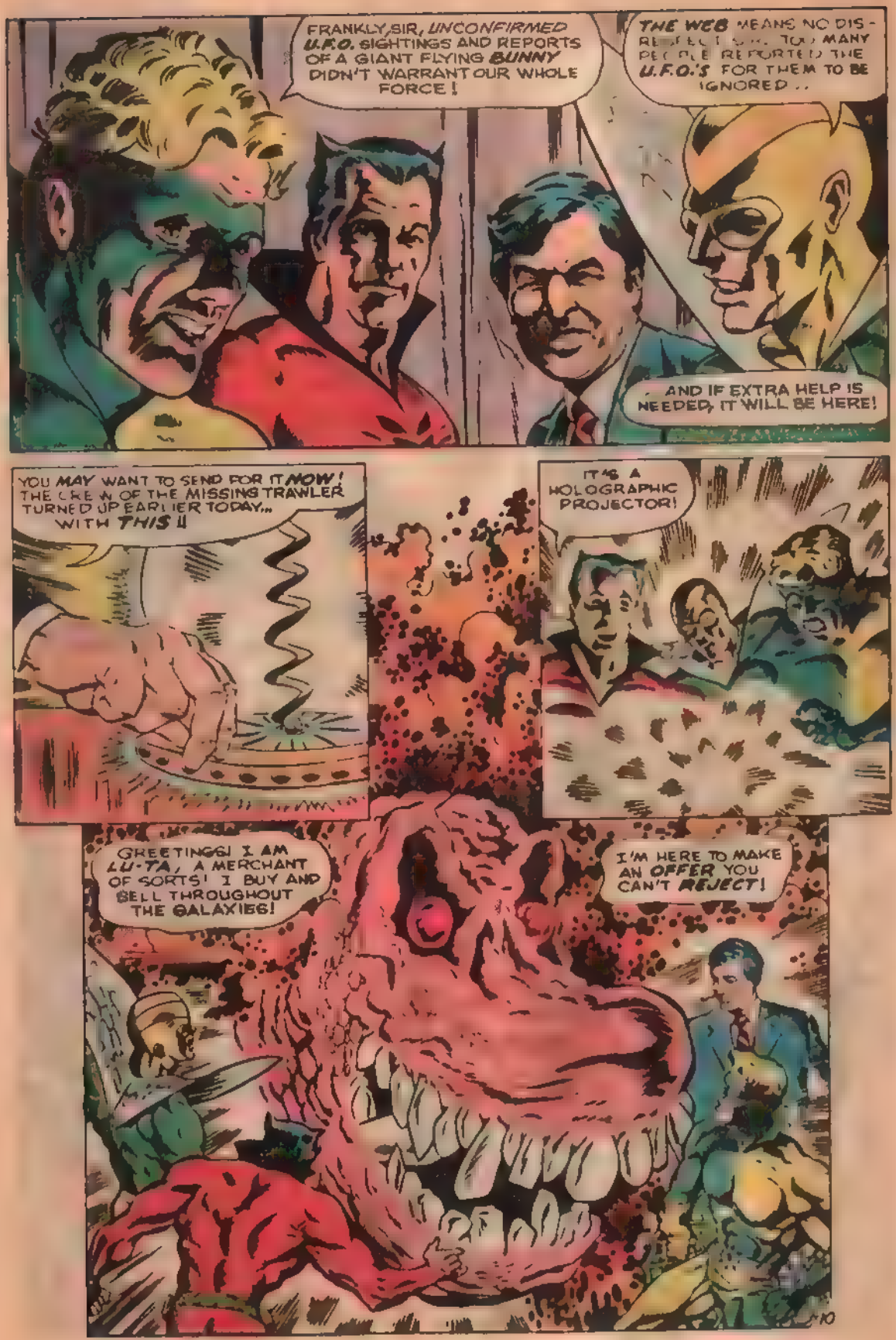
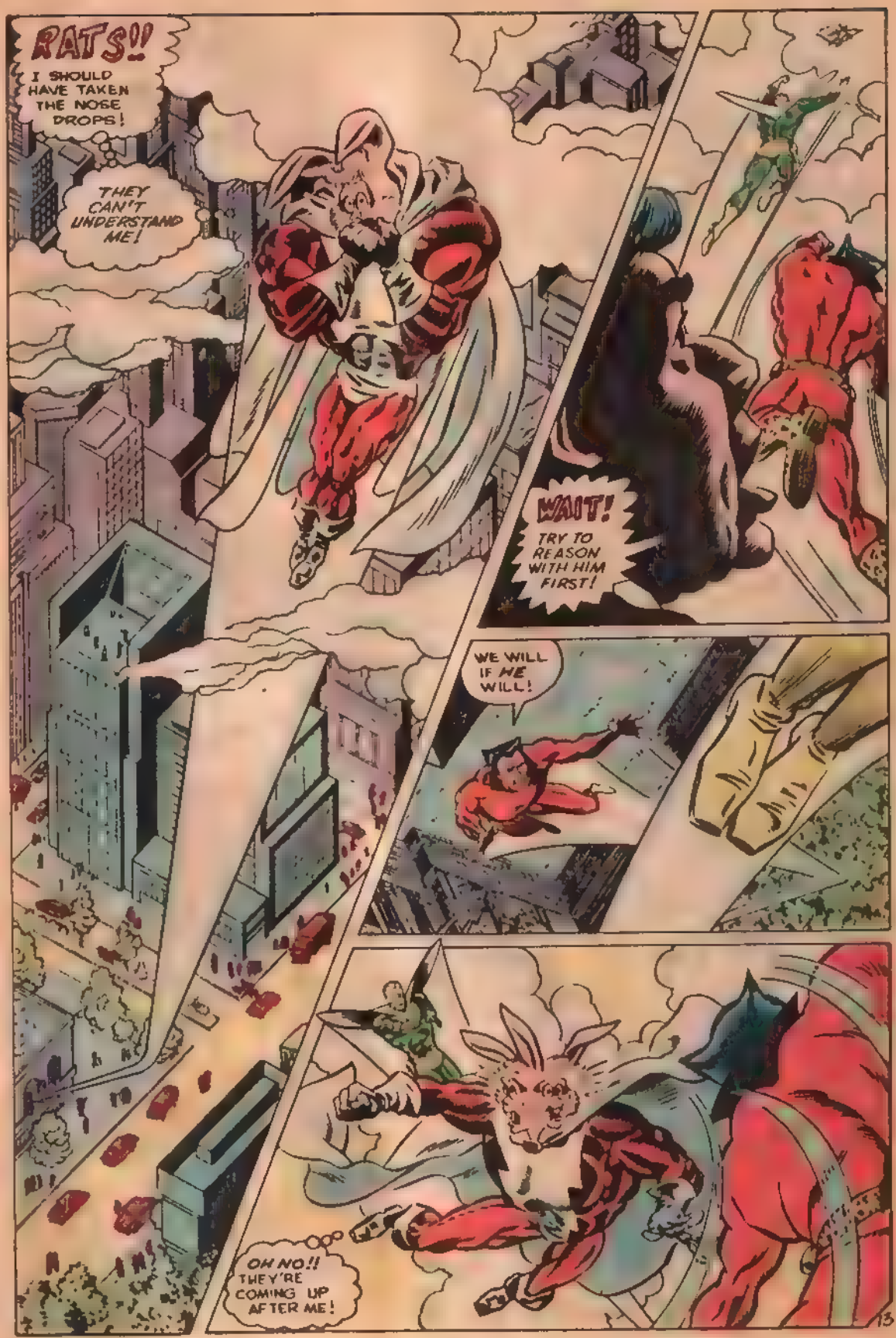
MEANWHILE, AT THE STATE HOUSE, THE GOVERNOR CONFERS WITH THE
MIGHTY CRUSADERS!
I WISH ALL OF YOU CRUSADERS HAD COME! THIS OBJECT I'M HOLDING MAKES OUR SITUATION ALL THE MORE DESPERATE!

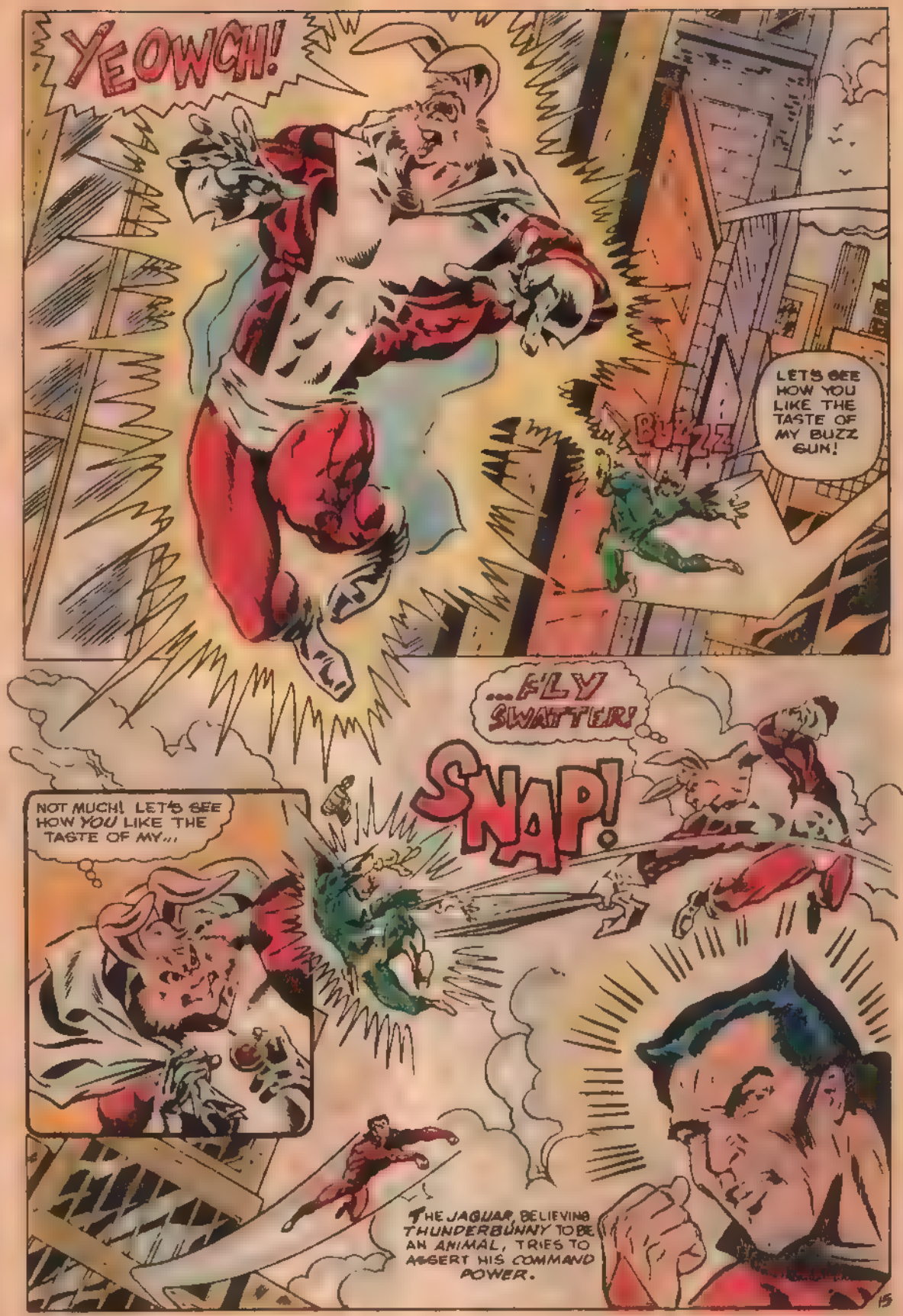

FRANKLY, SIR, UNCONFIRMED U.F.O. SIGHTINGS AND REPORTS OF A GIANT FLYING BUNNY DIDN'T WARRANT OUR WHOLE FORCE!
THE WEB MEANS NO DISRESPECT SIR... TOO MANY PEOPLE REPORTED THE U.F.O.'S FOR THEM TO BE IGNORED..
AND IF EXTRA HELP IS NEEDED, IT WILL BE HERE!
YOU MAY WANT TO SEND FOR IT NOW! THE CREW OF THE MISSING TRAWLER TURNED UP EARLIER TODAY... WITH THIS!!
IT'S A HOLOGRAPHIC PROJECTOR!
GREETINGS! I AM LU-TA, A MERCHANT OF SORTS! I BUY AND SELL THROUGHOUT THE GALAXIES!
I'M HERE TO MAKE AN OFFER YOU CAN'T REJECT!

THE BEINGS IN THE M 7 GALAXY HAVE NEED OF AN ITEM YOUR PLANET HAS IN ABUNDANCE! I WILL TRADE LIMITED TECHNOLOGY AND ALIEN MINERALS FOR THIS COMMODITY!
THE COMMODITY OF WHICH I SPEAK IS HUMANKIND!!! YOU WILL AMASS 200 PEOPLE CONSISTING OF BUILDERS, FISHERMEN, AND YOUNG WOMEN OUTSIDE YOUR MAIN HOUSE OF GOVERNMENT BY 3 HOURS PAST YOUR SUN'S ZENITH!
MY OFFER IS FAIR! LET THE FOLLOWING IMAGES SHOW YOU WHAT HAPPENED TO A CITY ON THE PLANET IRONWOOD, WHEN A FAIR OFFER WAS REFUSED!
IT'S A SHAME THEY REFUSED THE OFFER!

THAT MURDERING ALIEN... GARBAGE!
THE AIR FORCE IS FINALLY ON STANDBY! PERHAPS YOU SHOULD TRY AND FIND OUT...
IF THIS FLYING RABBIT IS IN LEAGUE WITH LU-TA!
HI! IB DUH SHIELD HEAH?
WH...WHAT DID I JUST SAY?
IT'S THE ALIEN RABBIT!
GET HIM!


RATS!!
I SHOULD HAVE TAKEN THE NOSE DROPS!
THEY CAN'T UNDERSTAND ME!
WAIT!
TRY TO REASON WITH HIM FIRST!
WE WILL IF HE WILL!
OH NO!! THEY'RE COMING UP AFTER ME!

I'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY NOW SHE DOESN'T HAVE EITHER SURVIVE THIS!
MAYBE I CAN LOSE THEM IN THE SKYSCRAPER TOPS!


YEOWCH!
LET'S SEE HOW YOU LIKE THE TASTE OF MY BUZZ GUN!
BUZZZ
...FLY SWATTER!
SNAP!
NOT MUCH! LET'S SEE HOW YOU LIKE THE TASTE OF MY...
THE JAGUAR, BELIEVING THUNDERBUNNY TO BE AN ANIMAL, TRIES TO ASSERT HIS COMMAND POWER.
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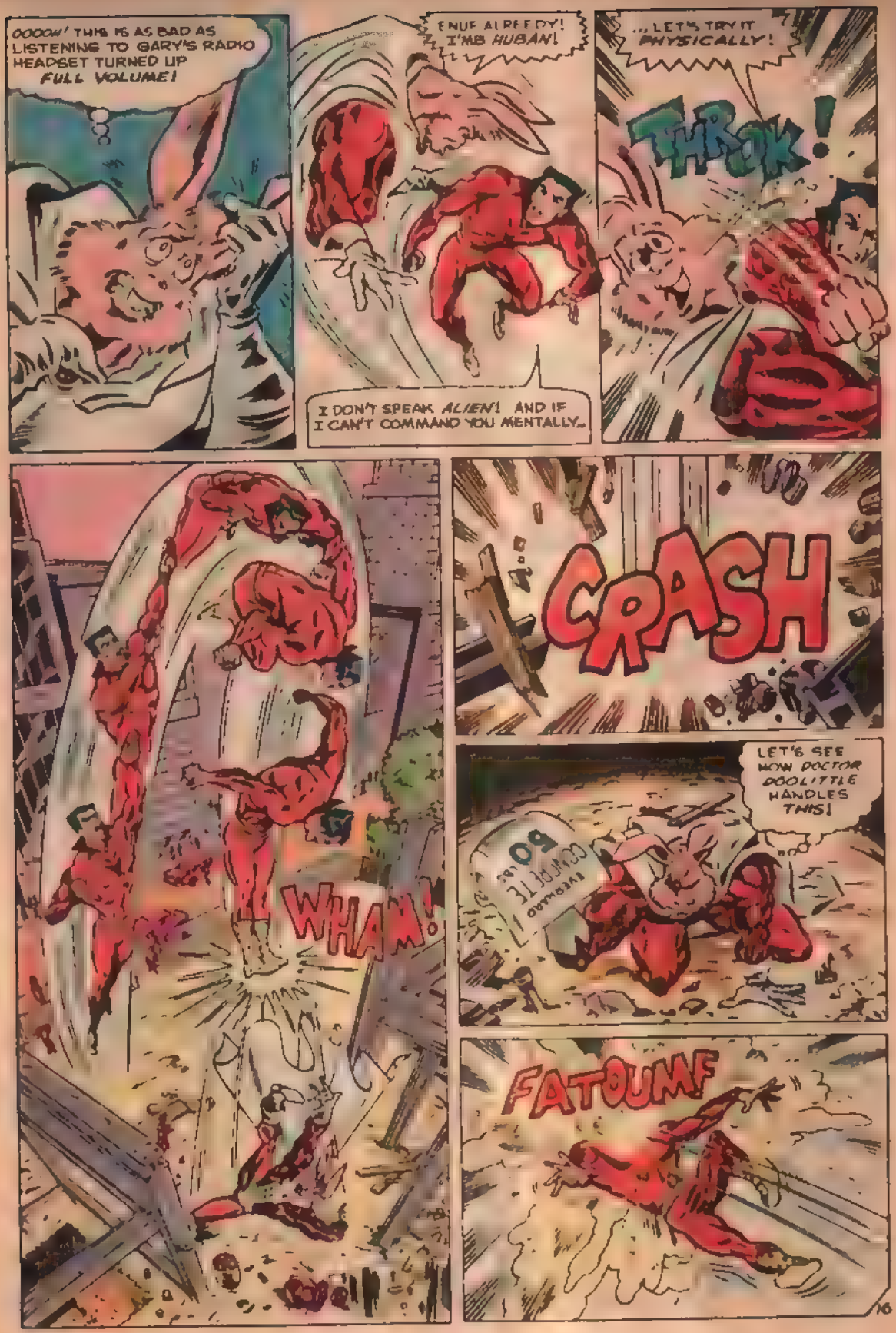

OOOOW! THIS IS AS BAD AS LISTENING TO GARY'S RADIO HEADSET TURNED UP FULL VOLUME!
ENUF ALREEDY! I'MS HUMAN!
I DON'T SPEAK ALIEN! AND IF I CAN'T COMMAND YOU MENTALLY...
...LET'S TRY IT PHYSICALLY!
THROK!
CRASH
WHAM!
LET'S SEE HOW DOCTOR DOOLITTLE HANDLES THIS!
FATOUMF

THUNDERBUNNY ONCE AGAIN TAKES TO THE AIR...
...ONLY TO BE HIT BY A LARGE CRANE HOOK!
WOP
ALIEN!!
YOU'LL SOON BE ENTRAPPED IN MY WEB!
SKRAK
HE... HE SEVERED THE HOOK CABLE!
RABBIT HUNTING SEASON IS OVER!
FTAM
MAYBE THIS'LL GET THEM OFF MY CASE!
A REAL WEB SLINGER!
HAVEN'T WE GOT THIS A BIT BACKWARDS?
WAS THIS PART OF YOUR PLAN, WEB?!
NO, BUT CALLING REINFORCEMENTS BEFORE I JOINED THIS BATTLE WAS... AND THERE THEY ARE NOW!

"THE SHIELD AND DARKLING!"
THE SHIELD
SHIELD... THE RABBIT...
NAIL HIM!!
BTAM
NO!
SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT HERE. JUST BEFORE YOU HIT HIM I SENSED SOMETHING!
ADMIRATION!

FATOOM!
SOUNDS LIKE THUNDER! MUST BE GOING TO RAIN!
I'M SURE THE ALIEN LANDED HERE!
SNIFF SNIFF
PERHAPS THIS ALIEN CAN CHANGE FORM!
COULD BE... COULD BE...
HAVING PAID FOR SOME NOSE SPRAY, BOBBY RUSHES TO A SECLUDED AREA AND, AFTER USING IT...
Ahhh... I CAN BREATHE!
...CHANGES BACK TO THUNDERBUNNY!
FATOOM

WHA-?!
OHHH!
A...ARE YOU AN ALIEN?
NO, NATALIE! I'M A BUNNY!
'BYE NOW!
LOOK! IT'S THE ALIEN!

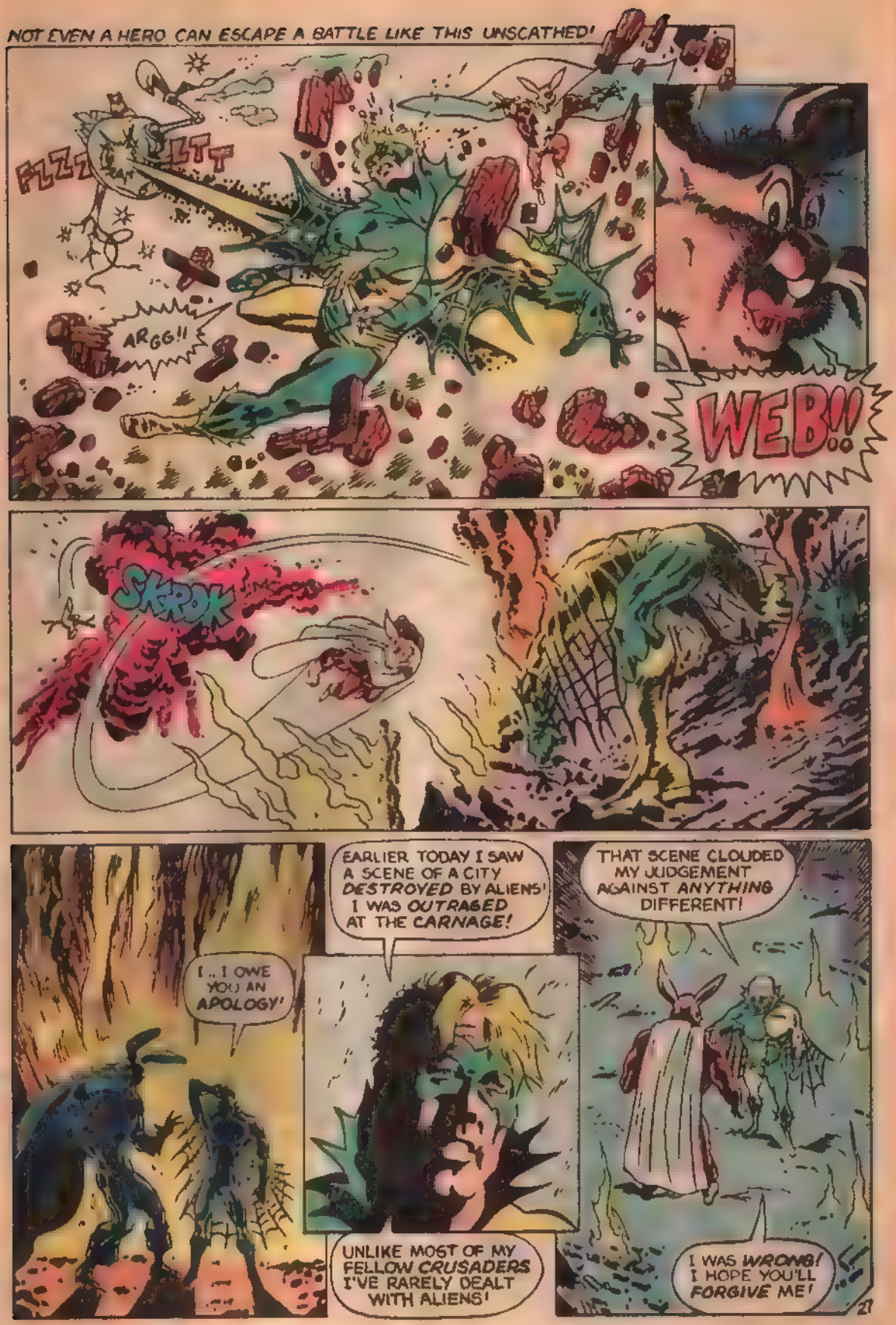
DO YOU STILL GET THE *SAME* FEELING ABOUT HIM?
YES! *ADMIRATION.*
ALRIGHT... ***DON'T MOVE!***
I WOULDN'T *DREAM* OF IT...
...WEB!
WHA...? IT... *IT SPOKE!*
YES, FLUENTLY!
FURTHERMORE, I'M *NOT* WITH *THE ALIENS* YOU SEEK!

I SENSE HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH!
LOOK, I WANT TO HELP! I LIVE IN THIS TOWN! I PROTECT IT!
YOU'RE GOING TO GET YOUR CHANCE... LOOK!
LU-TA'S OFFER IS REFUSED!!
NOW LU-TA TAKES... AND YOU WILL PAY INSTEAD OF HIM!

LET'S GO! ALL FOR RIGHT!!
Hmm.. CATCHY PHRASE!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
I'M WORKING WITH THE SHIELD!
YOU WON'T BE FOR LONG...
ZOK
RAKK
...IF YOU DON'T START PAYING ATTENTION!
YES SIR! I'LL BE CAREFUL!
SKR
SH
THE BATTLE RAGES EVERYWHERE!

NO!! A TELEPORTER!
KRAKK
FSSSSS
ARRRGHH!!
FLLAT
STOP THEM!
STOP THEM!
STOP THEM!
FORGET LU-TAS TRADE GOODS!
STOP THE POWERED BEINGS INSTEAD!


NOT EVEN A HERO CAN ESCAPE A BATTLE LIKE THIS UNSCATHED!
FIZZ
ARGG!!
WEB!!
SKRAK
I .. I OWE YOU AN APOLOGY!
EARLIER TODAY I SAW A SCENE OF A CITY DESTROYED BY ALIENS! I WAS OUTRAGED AT THE CARNAGE!
UNLIKE MOST OF MY FELLOW CRUSADERS I'VE RARELY DEALT WITH ALIENS!
THAT SCENE CLOUDED MY JUDGEMENT AGAINST ANYTHING DIFFERENT!
I WAS WRONG! I HOPE YOU'LL FORGIVE ME!
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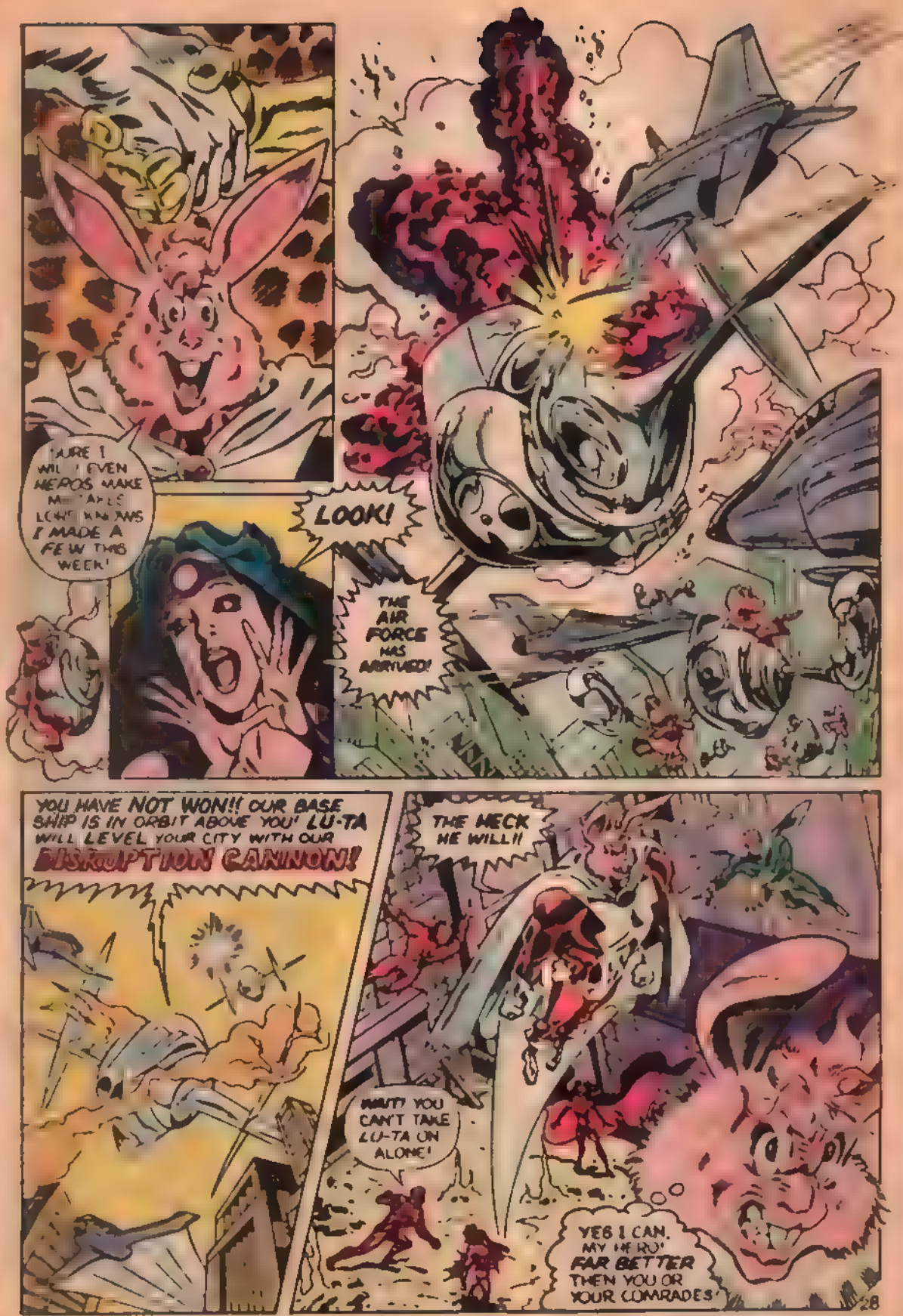
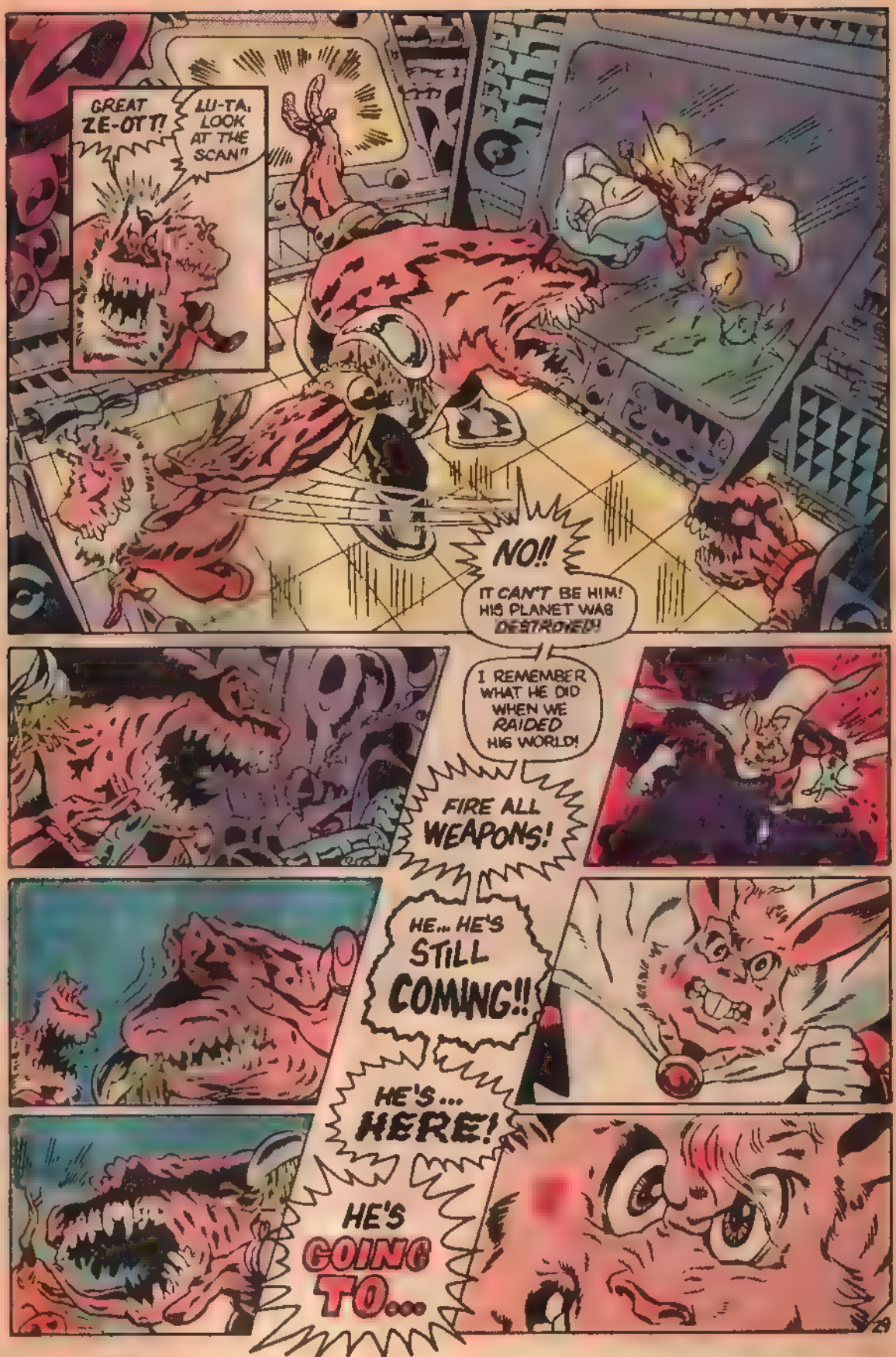
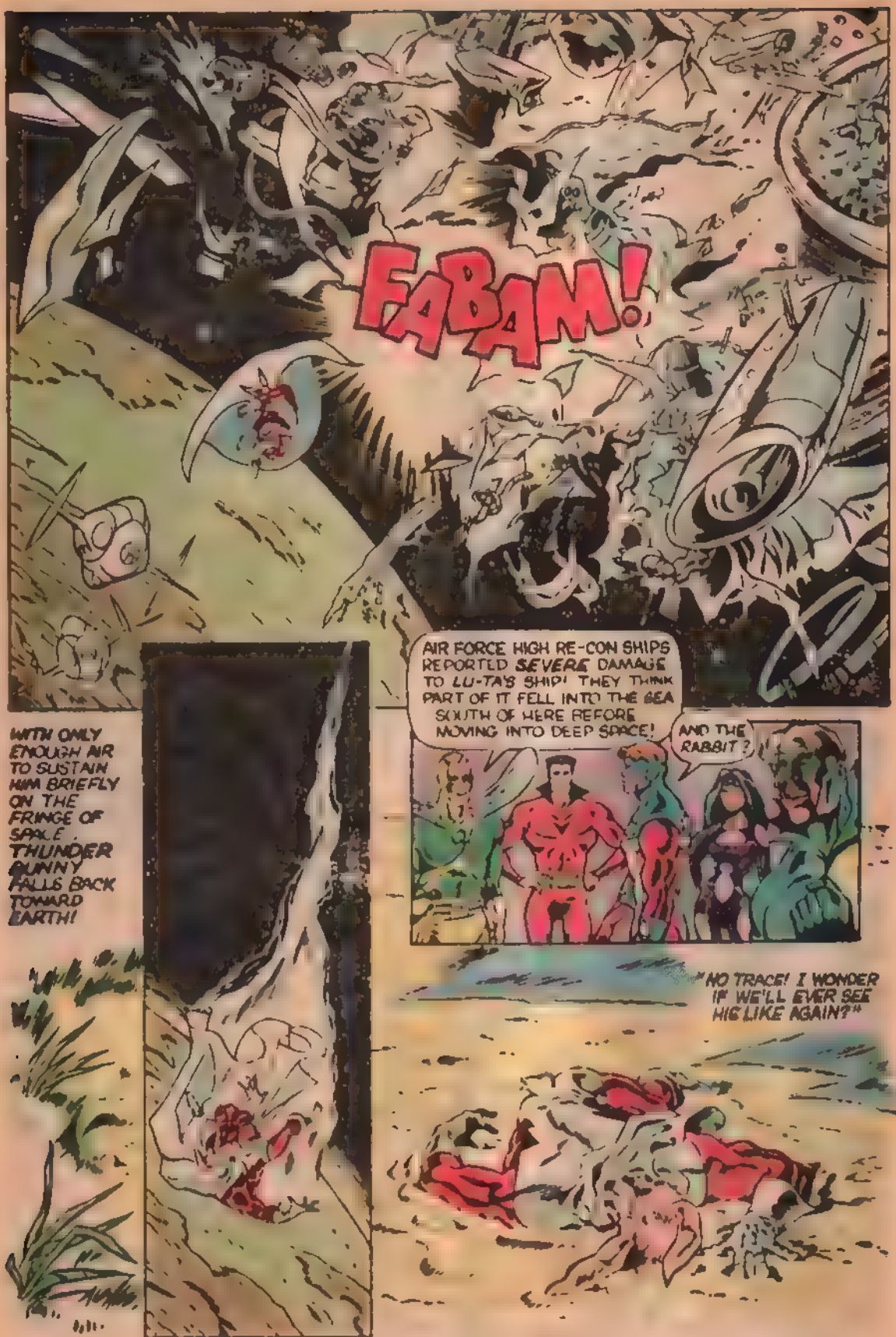

SURE I WILL EVEN HEROS MAKE M[illegible] LOVE KNOWS I MADE A FEW THIS WEEK!
LOOK!
THE AIR FORCE HAS ARRIVED!
YOU HAVE NOT WON!! OUR BASE SHIP IS IN ORBIT ABOVE YOU! LU-TA WILL LEVEL YOUR CITY WITH OUR DISRUPTION CANNON!
THE HECK HE WILL!!
WAIT! YOU CAN'T TAKE LU-TA ON ALONE!
YES I CAN, MY HERO! FAR BETTER THEN YOU OR YOUR COMRADES!


GREAT ZE-OTT!
LU-TA, LOOK AT THE SCAN"
NO!!
IT CAN'T BE HIM! HIS PLANET WAS DESTROYED!
I REMEMBER WHAT HE DID WHEN WE RAIDED HIS WORLD!
FIRE ALL WEAPONS!
HE... HE'S STILL COMING!!
HE'S... HERE!
HE'S GOING TO...


FABAM!
AIR FORCE HIGH RE-CON SHIPS REPORTED SEVERE DAMAGE TO LU-TA'S SHIP! THEY THINK PART OF IT FELL INTO THE SEA SOUTH OF HERE BEFORE MOVING INTO DEEP SPACE!
AND THE RABBIT?
WITH ONLY ENOUGH AIR TO SUSTAIN HIM BRIEFLY ON THE FRINGE OF SPACE, THUNDER BUNNY FALLS BACK TOWARD EARTH!
"NO TRACE! I WONDER IF WE'LL EVER SEE HIS LIKE AGAIN?"

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